(d) Yes Sir,

A Rubat Officer has been posted to CGI, Jeddah since April 1990 who has been engaged primarily in the documentation for retrieval/re-establishment of these Rubats.

(e) Since 1990, it has been possible to help retrieve five rubats and make them operational for the benefit of pilgrims from India. It has also been possible to complete the documentation in respect of a number of other rubats with the help of the Rubat Officer. Government propose to continue the activity in the interest of the retrieval of Rubats and their management.

**US Ultimatum to Pakistan Regarding Terrorism**

3621. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Government has given an ultimatum to Pakistan that it will not permit terrorism in Kashmir or Panjab;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to seize the opportunity to take up the matter with US and seek their help to put down terrorism by Pakistan on the border of Pakistan and J and K ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The US Administration has decided for the present, not to name Pakistan as a State sponsor of terrorism. The State Department's officially stated *inter-alia* that "available information did not warrant a finding that Pakistan has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism". However, Government understand that the US Government has reportedly made several demarches to the Government of Pakistan that unless it took steps to prevent support to terrorism in India, Pakistan would run the risk of being named as a State sponsor of terrorism. It has also been reported that an affirmative determination on Pakistan's support to terrorism has been deferred and a fresh view would be taken by the US administration after monitoring Pakistan's activities. Such a determination could be made by US Administration at any time.

(b) Government believe that it is for the US Government to interpret and act according to its relevant laws on this subject.

(c) The issue has been taken up at various levels in bilateral discussions between India and the US. Government have prepared extensive documentation on Pak support to terrorism in India. This documentation has been provided to the US Administration.

**Government's stand on NPT**

3622. *SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the* Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's are firm on non signing the nuclear Non-Prolifaration Treaty despite persuation by certain foreign dignitaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's stand on this issue has since been conveyed to certain foreign dignitaries;

(d) if so, the names of such foreign dignitaries;

(e) whether N. P. T. is due in 1995; and

(f) if so, whether Government would stick to its present stand and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does Not Arise.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The Prime Minister in his meetings with President Bush of USA; Prime Minister Miyazawa of Japan; Prime Minister John Major of Great Britain; President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation and Chanceller Kohl of the Federal Republic of Germany explained Government's principled position on this issue.

(e) Yes Sir.

Article VIII of the NPT provides for a five yearly review of the Treaty and the Fifth Review Conference is scheduled to take place in 1995. Article X provides that "25 years after the entry into force of the Treaty, a conference shall be convened to decide whether the Treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods". This decision will be taken in 1994.

(f) Yes, Sir. Government believes that the NPT in its present form is discriminatory and attempts to create a permanent division between the nuclear 'haves' and 'have-nots'.

**Threat of Nuclear Proliferation**

3623. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has told Japan that the threat of nuclear proliferation in South Asia arises primarily from vast stocks of unsafeguarded plutonium in India's possession with which it can manufacture nearly 200 bombs', as per the newsitem entitled "Threat from India, Pakistan tells Japan" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 15-2-93; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government has seen the press report.

(b) In bilateral discussions with the Japanese, Government has reiterated the peaceful nature of India's nuclear programme.

**Cases of Piracies and Crimes on the High Seas**

3624. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the cases registered against piracies and crimes on the High Seas;

(b) what is the stage of their finalisation/disposal; and

(c) since how long, they are pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No cases regarding piracies and crimes on the High seas have been rekistered.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Pakistan's Interference in India's Internal Matters**

3625. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up with the members of Commission for Human Rights, the attempt of Pakistan to interfere in India's internal matters by raising Jammu and Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, the reaction of those countries in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government have apprised all concerned countries that Pakistan's attempts to introduce a resolution on Jammu & Kashmir at the Human Rights Commission aimed at internationalising the issue are totally unaccepable to India being in violation of the Simla Agreement. Such actions are only an attempt by Pakistan to divert attention from the central issue of Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India and they cast doubts on Pakistan's sincerity to pursue a meaningful bilateral dialogue.

(b) There is international appreciation of India's position. In fact, Pakistan's attempt to introduce a resolution on Kashmir in the Human Rights Commission failed to materialise for want of support.

**Abduction of Fishermen by Pakistan and Sri Lanka**

3626. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fishermen abducted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the last two years;